

TO: Commander WRSP(IV)

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SUBJ: Staging Report-Operation [redacted]

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1. GENERAL: Operation [redacted] was established by project headquarters to support transfer of U-2C number 358 from [redacted] was utilized as staging base for fueling and pilot exchange.

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2. PERSONNEL: The staging team was comprised of 12 individuals. See [redacted] 9773 for names and designations.

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3. TRANSPORTATION: Mats Hickam provided one C-118 for personnel and cargo transportation. Planning intent was to maintain the C-118 at [redacted] throughout the staging operation. Due to mechanical discrepancies, the aircraft was released upon arrival at [redacted] for return to Hickam for maintenance. Replacement aircraft for return of staging team was secured from Hickam upon staging termination.

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4. Schedule - C-118

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Dept. [redacted] 29/0300L Arr. [redacted] 29/1850L  
Dept. [redacted] 01/2030L Arr. [redacted] 02/1510L  
Hickam stopover both ways - 2 hrs ground time.

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5. Schedule U-2C

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Dept. [redacted] 31/0400L Arr. [redacted] 31/0931L  
Dept. [redacted] 31/1300L Arr. [redacted] 31/1900L  
[redacted] ground time 3+30

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6. SUPPORT EQUIPMENT: With the exception of the air starter unit, all operational support equipment was carried by the staging team. Messing billeting and other incidental base support was provided by [redacted] Base support was adequate. Equipment provided by [redacted]

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1 - Vehicle tow

1 - Vehicle, staging Commander,  
pilot transfer & pogo chase

2 - Power unit mobile 28 VDC

1 - Starter air

5 - Cyl. O<sub>2</sub> for P/B & to bottom A/C oxygen system

1 - Safe security storage  
1 - Typewriter for Commo.  
1 - Lift, fork (for support A/C)  
1 - Radio mobile UHF  
2 - Work areas in SAR hangar  
5 - Guards security  
11 - Billeting accomodations

7. GROUND TIME U-2C: Suggested minimum four hours for turn around.

Detailed ground activities:	Pilot A/C removal	:10
	Tow in	:30
	Fueling	1:00
	Oxygen Service	:25
	Preflight	:30
	Tow out	:30
	Pilot hook up	:15
	A/C Start & T.O.	:06
		3:26
	Time Buffer	:34
		4:00

8. RECOMMENDATIONS: Air starter unit asset at [redacted] total one each.

Suggest staging team carry one starter unit to [redacted] and utilize the in place starter as stand by spare.

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Major, USAF  
Staging Commander

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